



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 454**

LCO No. 2479



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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That part III of chapter 164 be amended to create a commission  
2 responsible for developing a plan to implement regional consolidation  
3 of school districts, and that such plan shall (1) realign those school  
4 districts with a total student population of fewer than forty thousand  
5 students, except those regional school districts that provide instruction  
6 for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in manner similar to the  
7 probate districts set forth in section 45a-2 of the general statutes, and  
8 require such school districts to join a regional school district, (2) when  
9 a newly created regional school district affects two or more collective  
10 bargaining units, (A) allow the employees of the newly consolidated  
11 regional school district to be represented by a coalition of the existing  
12 collective bargaining units or create a new collective bargaining unit  
13 for such regional school district, and (B) require, upon expiration of  
14 existing collective bargaining agreements for single-town school  
15 districts that have been consolidated, any subsequent collective  
16 bargaining agreement to be negotiated on a regional basis, and (3)  
17 become effective state-wide for the school year commencing July 1,

18 2021, if such plan has not been approved by the General Assembly and  
19 signed into law on or before July 1, 2020.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To create a more efficient educational system.